

# BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

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## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

### AMERICANS MISTREATED.

Extract of a letter, to the Editor of the Baltimore Patriot, dated Santa Maria, January 10, 1817—

"Humanity compels me to make known to you, and the world, the present suffering of our unfortunate countrymen, who are at this moment in Carthagea groaning under the horrid calamities and distresses of a Spanish prison and loaded with irons. Scant allowance of bread and water, devoured with vermin and what is still worse, close confinement have in this hot climate introduced distemper among them, which is now nearly relieved and will carry the whole of them off."

### TO HATTERS.

The subscribers are wishing to purchase several thousand of good RO-RAM hats, previous to the first day of May next for which good pay will be made.

White Brothers & Co., Danbury, January 14th, 1817.

### BYE LAWS OF WILTON.

At a town meeting legally warned and held by the inhabitants of the town of Wilton, December 18th, 1816.

Voted — that all swine running in the highways or town common, not having a ring in the end of their nose shall be liable to be impounded; and that all geese running as aforesaid, not having the end of ope wing cut off shall be liable to be impounded.

Samuel Belden, Jr., town clerk, Wilton, January 18th, 1817.

A new consignment of groceries—Samuel Burr & Son, have just received large additions to their stock of groceries which with those before on hand make their assortment as complete and as good as can be found in this place.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO.

#### FIRE LAST NIGHT.

Fires—At 7:30 o'clock last night an alarm of fire was given. The "locale" proved to be the barn owned by Henry Osborne, and rented by Mr. John Hinderer and situated at the rear of the market, near to Hubbell's Hoop-skirt Manufactory. The barn contained hay and straw which was nearly all consumed, to the value of \$30, not insured. The building itself received some slight damage, the roof being burnt through in a few places and the siding somewhat charred; also not insured. Two boys were arrested on suspicion and are awaiting a hearing.

The fire department turned out promptly and were the means of preventing a large loss of property. No. 3 obtained the post of honor. Early on Sunday morning a second alarm sounded and the boys were on hand notwithstanding the pitiless storm raging. But their services were not called in to requisition. The fire occurred in the store rented by J. Stratton and owned by Mr. D. Hatch, next door to J. Devitt on Washington avenue. The damage was slight.

#### BOYS IN CUSTODY.

The boys arrested by officers, W. Marsh and G. Humiston, for firing the

### NEGRO SAVED \$400 IN FEW MONTHS HE LIVED IN COUNTRY

Louis Mendes, a Portuguese negro, was a resident of this city only a few months, yet in that period he saved \$400 which he sent for deposit to the New Bedford Savings bank. His sister, Maria, a resident of the Cape Verde Islands is his sole heir. George Marshall was named administrator of the estate in the probate court yesterday. M. T. Taylor and Atty. Samuel Reich are the appraisers.

### FAIRFIELD COUNTY NEWS

Burglarized Six Summer Homes. Professional burglars reaped a small harvest amounting to about \$50 from recent ransacking raids made on closed summer homes in New Canaan. They were evidently experts at their trade, for in all their raids they took only solid silver, cut glass, clothing, and ornaments of value. The homes burglarized were Julius Kruttschnitt, George C. Howe, E. T. Howard, George Weller, P. G. Gossler and H. Weeks.

Rather Than Amputation. Rather than go to the hospital and undergo an operation for the amputation of his left foot, Henry Gaya of Danbury committed suicide by shooting himself in the head Wednesday night.

### LITCHFIELD COUNTY NEWS.

Baker—A Hopeless Case. Florence E. Root Baker, who lives in Hartford, was divorced from Chas. J. Baker, who lives in Winsted. They were married on October 4, 1897, and the complaint charged Baker with desertion in July, 1912. Mrs. Baker said her life with her husband was very unhappy for some time before her husband left. He drank to excess and did not provide for herself and their three children. The man had been arrested for assaulting her, and for drunkenness and breach of the peace. One of the witnesses told Judge Burpee that Baker is a hopeless case.

Called to Boston. Rev. Giuseppe Merlino, who came to Torrington six months ago as the successor of Rev. Gennaro Giordano, pastor of the Italian Mission of the Center Congregational church, has resigned to accept a call to the Italian Methodist Mission in Boston.

Both Feet Frozen. Nicholas Kurtz, the 13-years-old boy who ran away from his aunt's home in Torrington during the severe cold weather two weeks ago and camped out in barns and sheds for two days rather than go to school, is in a pitiable condition, having frozen both feet. He may lose one or both of his feet.

He Ran For Train. Hurrying to catch a train to come to Danbury caused the death of A. Leroy Conkey in the New Milford station Wednesday evening. Mr. Conkey had been troubled recently with his heart and the exertion of running to the station resulted in his death within five minutes after he was stricken.

## GREATEST DISPLAY OF CARS IN CITY'S HISTORY ASSURED

Armory and State Street Casino Will Be Full of Latest Types.

Unquestionably the finest and largest display of automobiles, pleasure cars and trucks, ever seen in Bridgeport, will be shown here next week at the fifth annual automobile show. Both the Armory and the Casino will be necessary this year to exhibition at close hand. Bodies of 20,000 square feet of exhibition floor space will be utilized. The show will open at 7 o'clock next Monday evening and continue until midnight Saturday.

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A most attractive setting for the show has been arranged for the year. It is simple, very delicate and unusually beautiful. While the ceilings of both buildings will be hidden in bunting, the decorative scheme will consist of vines, budding foliage and sweet scented blossoms draped about trellises and marble columns with hanging baskets from the balconies. Tete-a-tete chairs and cosy corners will be arranged at frequent intervals so that the visitor may pause a while to view the show as a whole and listen to the music. The music this year will be a feature. Bentley's and Spiedel's orchestras will furnish the music. One ticket will admit to both the Armory and the Casino.

### Locomobile Co. Makes Change In Purchasing Department of Firm

After serving the Locomobile Co. of America, in this city for the last six years in the capacity of assistant and chief purchasing agent, Claude C. Ostrom, residing in Fairfield will leave this city Feb. 15, to accept an executive office with the Parsh Manufacturing Co. of Reading, Pa., and Detroit, Mich.

Ostrom will be located in Detroit and will be succeeded in this city by J. E. Forgy, at present serving in the capacity of assistant purchasing agent. The highest regard and best wishes for the future accompany Ostrom on his new venture. He was graduated from Yale, class of 1904, became associated with the Midvale Steel Co. and left to assume his duties with the Locomobile Co. in Bridgeport. The concern with whom he goes is one of the foremost automobile frame does a large business with the Locomobile Co.

J. E. Forgy, who replaces him here, is a Cornell graduate of 1906 having had experience with the Dupont Powder Co., at Wilmington, Del. and late with the Charles A. Warner Co. He came to Bridgeport last year.

### Surprise at Action of C. of C. Directors on Bonding Matters

The Chamber of Commerce will not put on its armor and ride against Bridgeport's bonding gang. On the contrary, so far as the chamber is concerned, Mr. King and his committee will be permitted to bond Bridgeport for more than \$6,000,000, without a referendum, if the legislature will consent.

The chamber took a referendum vote, by letter, and received an unusually large and full reply, representing an opinion from four to five times greater than the usual attendance at the meeting.

About 40 per cent. of the membership responded. More than 125 votes were cast. This vote was overwhelmingly against bonding, unless there should be a referendum attached. In fact the vote was more than two to one in favor of a referendum.

Last night the directors met to consider the vote. When they voted eight were for the bonds, without consulting the people by referendum, and seven were opposed to the bonds, unless the people consented.

As a result of this division the chamber will not be at the hearing in Hartford, tomorrow. The news of the action of the directors was received with much surprise, in business circles today.

The last train carrying the Sixth Pennsylvania Infantry left El Paso for Philadelphia.

### FUNERAL DESIGNS AND BOUQUETS JOHN RECK & SON

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The Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co., of New Jersey, increased its capital from \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000.

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## MISERABLE FROM STOMACH TROUBLE

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### WIELDS HATCHET TO COMPEL WIFE TO GIVE UP HIS ROLL OF \$16

George Ignatz, of 116 Nichols St., gave his wife \$16 last Friday. Later that day he decided he had made a mistake and that his wife's head managed to compel her to give up the money. He was arrested and arraigned in court today on a charge of non-support. Judge Frank Wilder, sentenced him to six months in jail. After serving a few days of his sentence and given time for reflection he probably will be turned over to the probation officer if he will promise to support his wife.

### G. A. R. TO MEET

The regular meeting of Elias Howe Jr., Post, No. 3, G. A. R., will be held at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Feb. 15 in G. A. R. hall, 925 Main street.

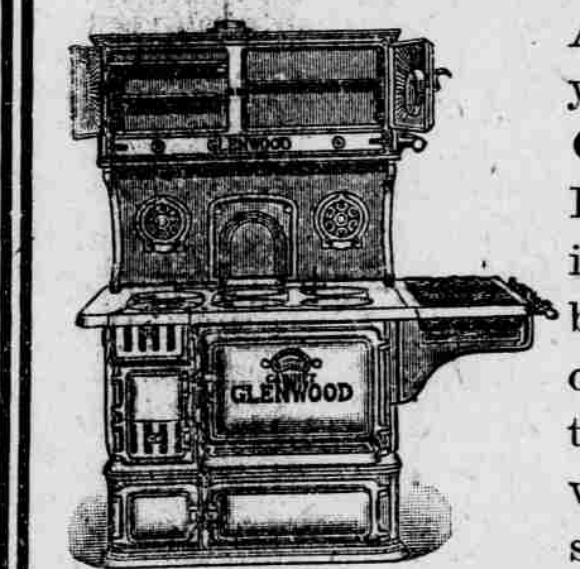
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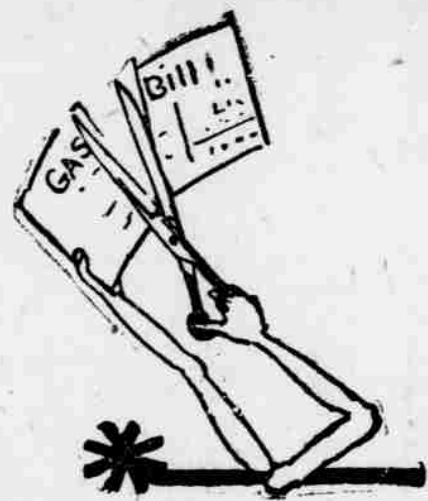
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The Federal Reserve Board took up for consideration the application of the Bank of the Philippines as a foreign agency of the reserve system.

A delegation of 12 New York members of the Sons of Irish Freedom, led by Victor Herbert, called at the White House to protest against war with Germany.

## Specials For Thursday

FEB. 15th, '17.

### MEAT DEPARTMENT.

1 lb Beef Liver ALL FOR 18c  
1-2 lb Sliced Bacon

### BUTTER DEPARTMENT.

Rich Mild Cheese 28c lb.  
Pure Lard 19c lb.  
Fresh Made Peanut Butter 15c lb.  
Domestic Camebert Cheese 35c box

### GROCERY BULLETIN.

B. P. M. Prepared Buckwheat 15c pkg.  
Big G Graham Flour 30c pkg.  
Yellow Meal, pkg. 10c  
Nu Food Bran 25c pkg.  
Quaker Oats 3 pkgs. 25c  
Large pkgs. 2 for 45c  
5 lb. Bag Graham Flour 30c  
Hominy, large pkg. 20c, small 10c  
Rye Meal, pkg. 25c  
Hecker's Pan Cake Flour 10c and 25c pkg.  
Mother's Oats 3 pkgs. 25c

### FRUIT.

18 Navel Oranges 25c  
3 Large Indian River Grape Fruit 25c  
New Italian Chestnuts 20c lb.  
13 Porto Rico Oranges 29c  
New Layer Figs 25c lb.  
Fancy Baskets of Fruit put up to order.

### BRIDGEPORT

## Public Market & Branch

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